



September 15, 2025

The Honorable John Thune
Majority Leader
United States Senate
S-230, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

The Honorable Chuck Schumer
Minority Leader
United States Senate
S-221, The Capitol
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Majority Leader Thune and Leader Schumer,

The undersigned trade associations (collectively, “the associations”) urge the Senate to swiftly confirm Sean Plankey as Director of the Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency (CISA).

Shortly after being nominated by President Trump, Mr. Plankey was approved by the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee in July. CISA’s core mission is to enhance the security and resilience of our nation’s critical infrastructure and federal systems to protect against cyber and physical security threats. Given the increasing sophistication and frequency of cyberattacks, it is crucial that a director be confirmed to guide the agency, which has lacked a leader since January. Amid this period, our adversaries continue to utilize the evolving cyber and physical security ecosystem to target critical infrastructure owners and operators. Moreover, CISA’s key programs lack the leadership necessary and direction to support our nation’s economic and national security.

As the Senate considers moving forward additional nominees, the associations strongly recommend that Mr. Plankey be confirmed quickly. In so doing, Congress will reaffirm its commitment to addressing cybersecurity challenges and advance the priority of the associations, who believe that Mr. Plankey’s distinguished record in the private and public sectors, and extensive experience will serve him well as the Director of CISA during this important time.

The associations and the companies we represent thank you for your leadership and stand ready to engage with Congress to achieve our national and energy security goals.

Sincerely,

American Fuel & Petrochemical Manufacturers Association
American Gas Association
American Petroleum Institute
American Public Gas Association
GPA Midstream Association
Interstate Natural Gas Association of America
Liquid Energy Pipeline Association

CC: The Honorable Rand Paul, Chairman, Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee
The Honorable Gary Peters, Ranking Member, Senate Homeland Security & Governmental Affairs Committee